

COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT NO.	25X1
TOPIC	Weisswasser Training Grounds Taken over by Volkspolizei		
EVALUATION	25X1	PLACE OBTAINED	25X1
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REMARKS			

- 25X1 1. During the night on 13 April 1953, the last Soviet soldiers left the Weisswasser training grounds. A Soviet soldier said that the troops moved to Peitz, between Cottbus and Guben. The first KVP detachment, which arrived at the training grounds numbered about 90 men, who wore red and black collar patches. On 28 April 1953, a small signal unit, whose men wore yellow-bordered black collar patches arrived at the training grounds. A soldier said that the advance party, which was commanded by a captain, came from Loebau.
- 25X1 2. [REDACTED]
3. Prior to 23 May 1953, the Nochten Camp quartered an estimated 400 KVPs. Other units, which had arrived in the second half of April 1953 and allegedly numbered thousand men, were said to have moved back to Loebau. The troops left at Camp Nochten allegedly were a guard detail or an advance party and wore red and black epaulets. On 12 May 1953, about 200 men came from Loebau to hold record practices with submachine guns at the infantry training grounds. Soviet officers and soldiers occasionally still were in the area of the training grounds.
- 25X1 4. [REDACTED]
- 25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. It is believed that most of the KVPs occupying Camp Nochten came from the Loebau-Zittau area. Cadre units are carried in these two posts. The motor-vehicle [REDACTED] in the present report were previously seen with [REDACTED] stationed in former Land Saxony and Land Brandenburg.

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